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SUBJECT: VENEZUELA/ CUBA: SOVIET TANKERS IN CUBAN TRADE  
CARRYING VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM

REF: STATE 72748

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON APRIL 25, DISCUSSED WITH FONMINISTRY FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTOR DR. PEREZ CHIRIBOGA REPORTS THAT VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOW PERMITTING LOADING OF SOVIET SHIPS WITH PETROLEUM FOR TRANSPORTATION TO EUROPE. DR. PEREZ SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD INFORMED PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM COMPANY ( CVP) MAURICE VALERY OVER TWO MONTHS AGO THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY POSED NO OBJECTIONS TO SALE OF VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM FOR TRANSPORTATION IN SOVIET VESSELS. HE SAID HE, SINCE RETURNING FROM EXTENDED NEGOTIATIONS WITH COLUMBIA IN ROME, WAS NOT UP- TO- DATE ON HOW FAR ALONG CVP PLANS WERE ON NEGOTIATING DEALS WITH SOVIETS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT WHEN HE DEPARTED THIS WAS DEFINITELY BEING PLANNED. WHEN ASKED WHETHER FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD HAVE OBJECTIONS TO SALE OF PETROLEUM FOR SHIPMENT TO CUBA DIRECTLY, DR. PEREZ REPEATED WHAT HE HAD SAID ON A PREVIOUS OCCASION  
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THAT VENEZUELA WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN SALE OF PETROLEUM  
AND WAS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT WHERE PETROLEUM WENT AFTER IT  
LEFT VENEZUELA.

2. EMBOFF REPEATED POSITION OF USG STATED REFTTEL AND NOTED  
THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT SEEMED TO CONSTITUTE CHANGE OF POLICY  
OF VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT TOWARD SANCTIONS VOTED BY OAS  
WITH REGARD TO CUBA. PEREZ SAID THAT ON QUESTION OF PETROLEUM  
VENEZUELA WAS PRAGMATIC AND THAT AS OF NOW HEMISPHERIC  
RELATIONS WITH CUBA ARE IN FLUX. HE THEN LED INTO A MORE  
GENERAL DISCUSSION OF VENEZUELA' S POLICY TOWARD CUBA ( SEE  
SEPTTEL).  
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